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*Congressman Harry Teague and Health Officials to Hold Workshop to Prepare Doña Ana County for H1N1 Virus*

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Washington, DC — On Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, Congressman Harry Teague will host an H1N1 Preparedness Workshop focusing on education and county coordination in Las Cruces. Congressman Teague will lead a group of federal, state and local officials in a presentation to the community on H1N1 prevention, detection and new vaccine developments. Following the event Congressman Teague and panelists will be available to visit with interested media.

The workshop, featuring representatives from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, New Mexico Department of Health, and Las Cruces Public Schools, will also help develop a comprehensive, coordinated H1N1 action plan for Doña Ana County. The community can utilize this plan to prevent the spread of the virus and react to any outbreaks if necessary.

This week, New Mexico's Department of Health reported 12 H1N1 related deaths and over 200 cases hospitalized throughout the state.

**WHO:** Congressman Harry Teague, HHS Regional Administrator Dr. Epi Elizondo, NM Dept. of Health Nurse Epidemiologist Patricia Frank, Director of LCPS Health Services, Beverly Hine

**WHAT:** H1N1 Preparedness Workshop

**WHEN:** Monday, October 19, 2009

12:00 – 1:00 PM

**WHERE:** Zia Middle School, 1300 W University Ave, Las Cruces

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